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ASSESSING THREATS...

RECOMMENDED
ACTION...

...TERMINATION

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Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games!
Where Nicole, the artificial intelligence, is finally confronted by a mysterious being ...



**CHARACTER
= SELECT =**



**PRINCESS
SALLY ACORN**
FREEDOM FIGHTER LEADER



**NICOLE THE
HOLO-LYNX**
ADVANCED A.I.



DR. ELLIDY
RETIRED HERMIT



???

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PREVIOUSLY...

CLOSED SPACE SECRETS

On Isolated Island, Sally, Tails, Nicole and Big met up with Nicole's creator, Dr. Ellidy. After Dr. Eggman attacked the island in the past, Dr. Ellidy repurposed the madman's leftover badniks for his own use.



However, the badniks have started to misbehave... and while Nicole tries to get to the root of the problem, Sally stumbles upon a **dark secret...**



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ISOLATED
ISLAND...

WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE?
WHO *IS* THIS? SHE
REMINDS ME OF
NICOLE--

DON'T YOU
SAY THAT.
DON'T.

SALLY ACORN
LEADER AND
PRINCESS

DR. ELLIDY
HERMIT
SCIENTIST

WHAT'S YOUR
PROBLEM WITH
NICOLE, ANYWAY?
YOU *CREATED*
HER!

THE PHOTO
IS OF MY DAUGHTER.
NIKKI. SHE...PASSED
AWAY SEVERAL
YEARS AGO.

NICOLE WAS
SUPPOSED TO
SAVE HER LIFE.

THE DIGITAL WORLD

NOW *THAT'S* INTERESTING.

INTRIGUING.

FASCINATING.

NICOLE
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
AND HERO

SYSTEM
PARTITIONE

YOU KNOW, IF AN ORGANIC BEING DIES WITH A SECRET, THAT SECRET DIES WITH THEM.

BUT DIGITAL INFORMATION IS STORED, REPLICATED, SPREAD OUT INDEFINITELY...IT'S MUCH HARDER FOR IT TO DISAPPEAR.

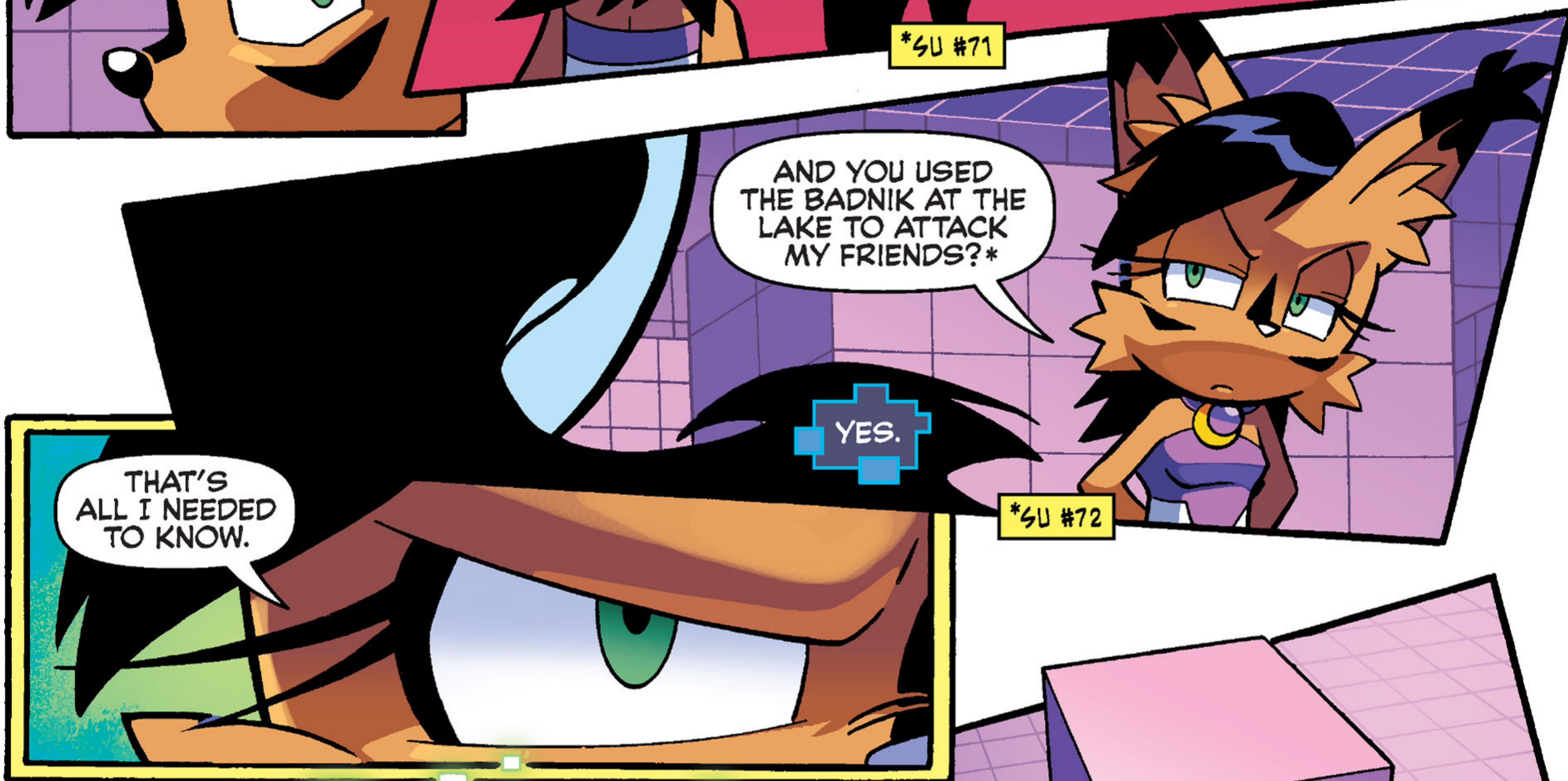
IF DR. ELLIDY WERE TO DIE, WHAT SECRETS WOULD HE TAKE WITH HIM?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHO ARE YOU?

Oh. YOU CAN CALL ME PHAGE.







WELL.
THAT WAS
CUTE.

AMUSING.

MILDLY
ENTERTAINING.

I'M HERE
WITH CERTAIN
OBJECTIVES,
NICOLE.

I INFILTRATED THIS
SYSTEM BEFORE
YOU EVEN KNEW IT
WAS HAPPENING.

YOU CAN'T
STOP ME.

TALK IS SLOW.

AND WHILE
I DO FIND YOU
FASCINATING...

THE PAST...

MOBOTROPOLIS,
WESTSIDE ISLAND

NOK
NOK

EL?

WHAT? I'M
BUSY. YOU
KNOW
THAT.

LOOK, I KNOW THINGS
ARE ROUGH, BUT...WHEN'S
THE LAST TIME YOU
SLEPT? OR ATE?

I'M FINE. I'M
NOT STUPID.

I WROTE THIS
PROGRAM TO HELP
MAP OUT THE NEURAL
PATHWAYS THERE.

CHUCK THE
HEDGEHOG
DOCTOR

MAPPING...28%

...THIS IS FROM
YOUR DIGITIZER?
THEN...DID YOU
ALREADY MANAGE
TO TRANSFER--

NO. NOT YET.
THAT FIRST SCAN
IS TO LAY DOWN THE
GROUNDWORK. A
STRUCTURE. THEN...
THEN I CAN...

EL...WHY DON'T YOU
LET THAT PROGRAM HANDLE
THINGS FOR A BIT AND--

ANY
SUDDEN
BREAK-
THROUGHS
ON THE
ROBOTI-
CIZER?

...NO.

THEN THIS
IS ALL I HAVE
LEFT.

THE PRESENT...

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. NIKKI IS YOUR DAUGHTER. BUT NICOLE IS NOT NIKKI.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, NIKKI'S DEAD. SHE WAS... WASTING AWAY.

I'D HOPED SHE COULD LIVE ON IN SOME FORM VIA THE DIGITIZER... BUT...

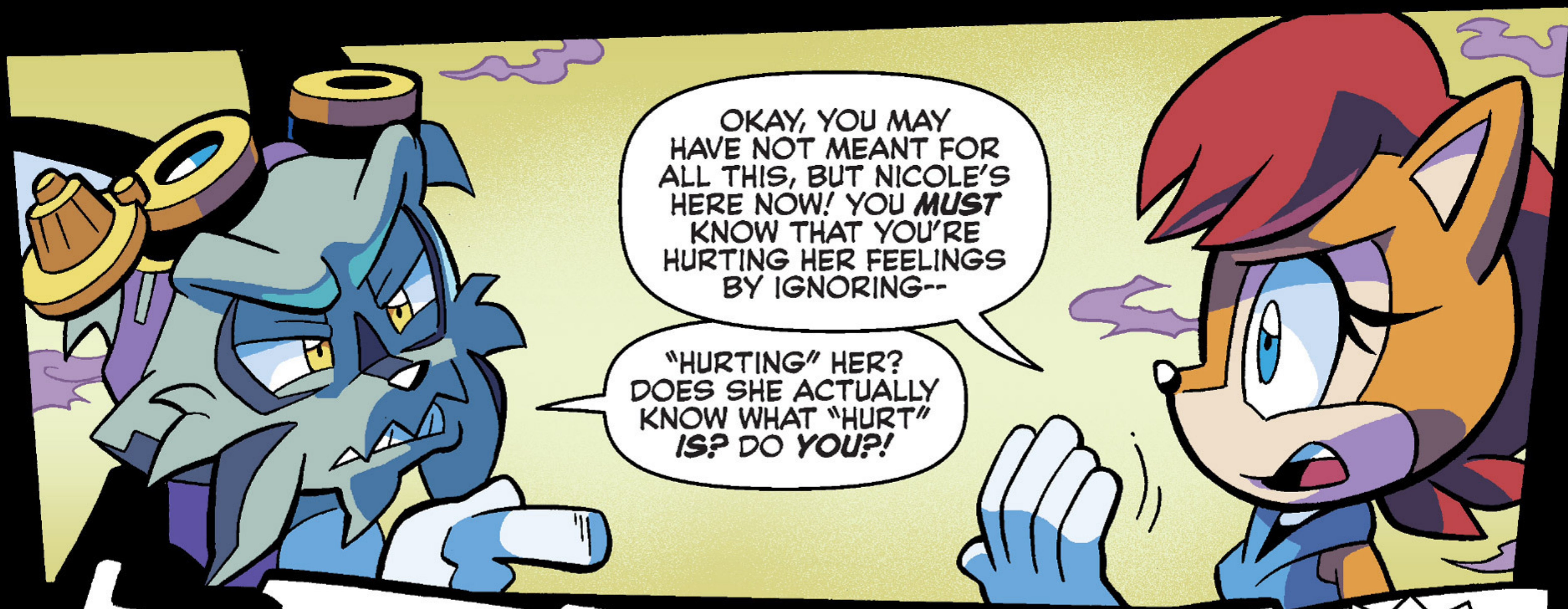
THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM THAT WAS MAPPING HER NEURAL SCANS... THAT... BECAME NICOLE?

LOOK, I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, BUT IT'S NOT FAIR TO BLAME NICOLE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S DEATH!

I DIDN'T!

THAT'S WHY I GAVE NICOLE TO YOU INSTEAD OF JUST DELETING IT ALL!

BUT NOW... SEEING HER LIKE THIS... WALKING AROUND WHILE MY POOR NIKKI NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO... TO...



OKAY, YOU MAY HAVE NOT MEANT FOR ALL THIS, BUT NICOLE'S HERE NOW! YOU *MUST* KNOW THAT YOU'RE HURTING HER FEELINGS BY IGNORING--

"HURTING" HER? DOES SHE ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT "HURT" IS? DO YOU?!



HOW DARE YOU?!

WHEN I LOST MY FATHER--



YOU GOT YOUR FATHER BACK!



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? YOU... YOU CAN'T...

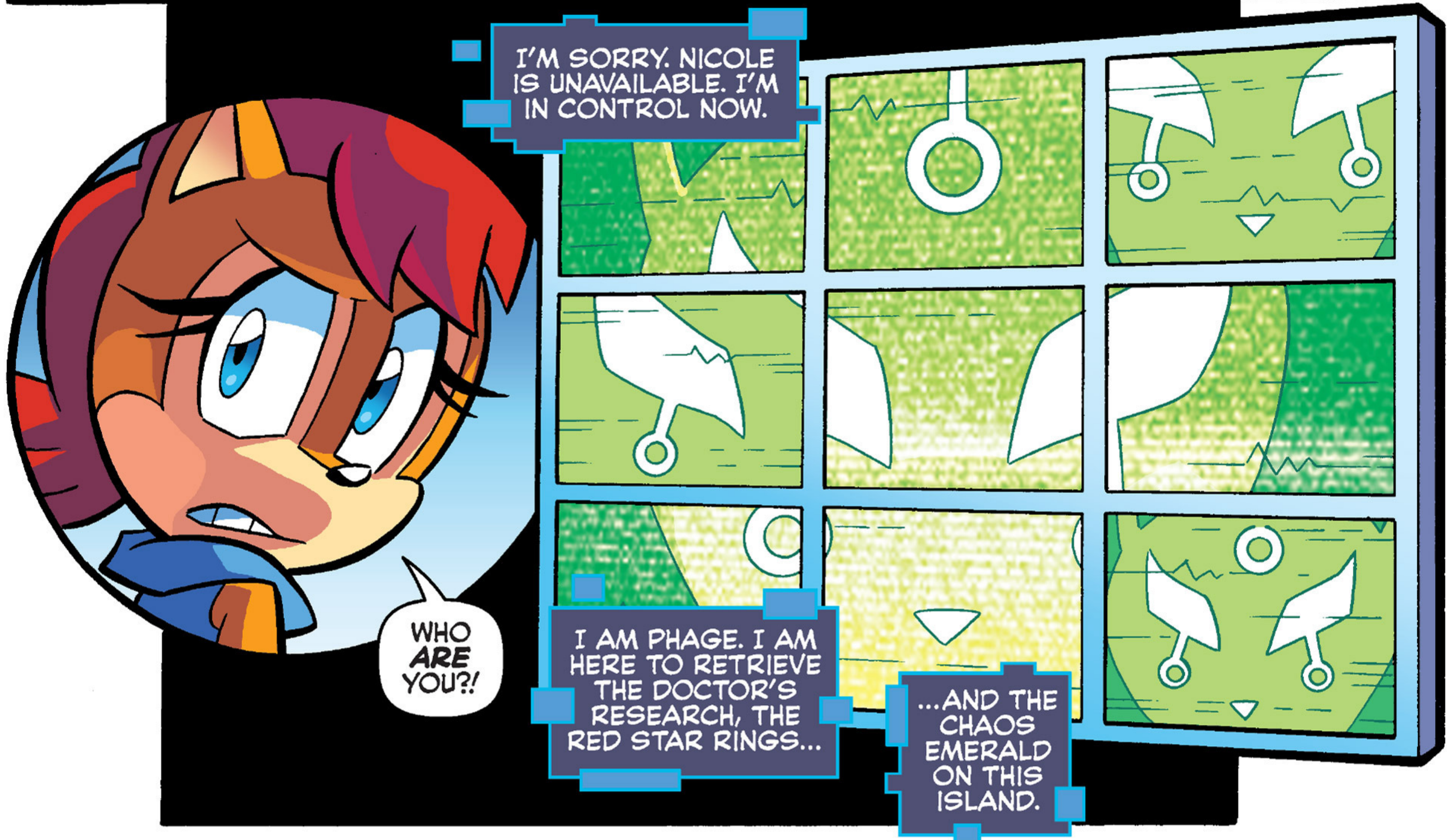
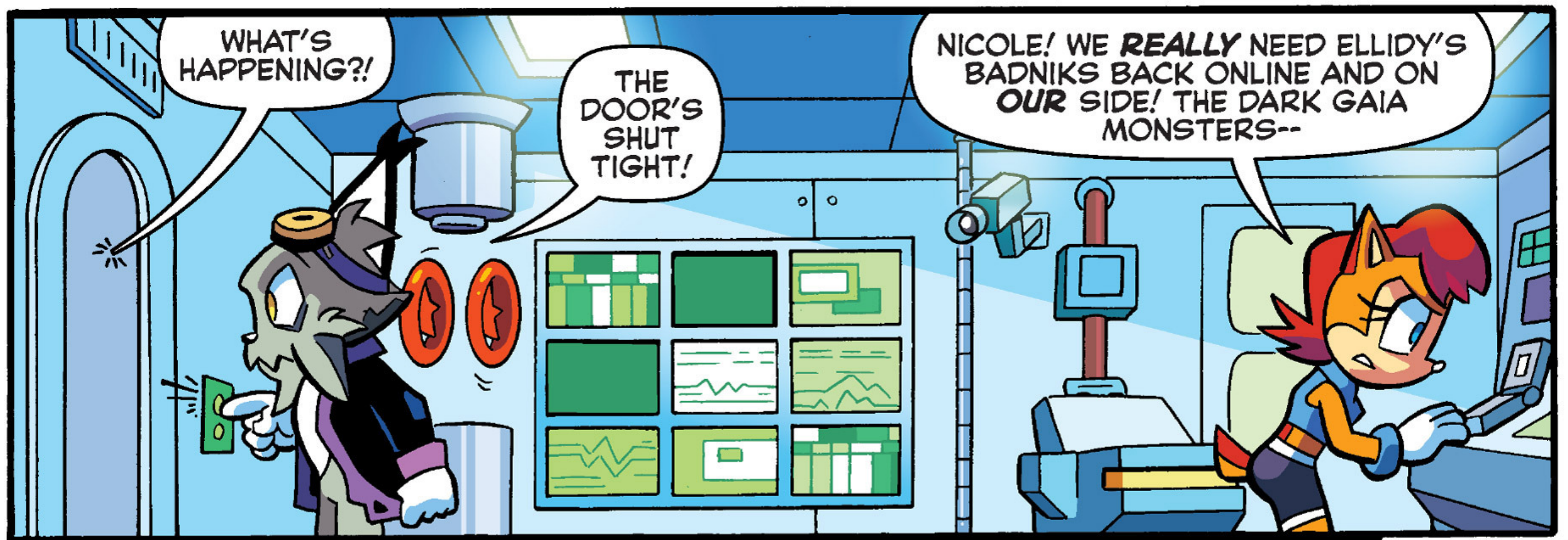


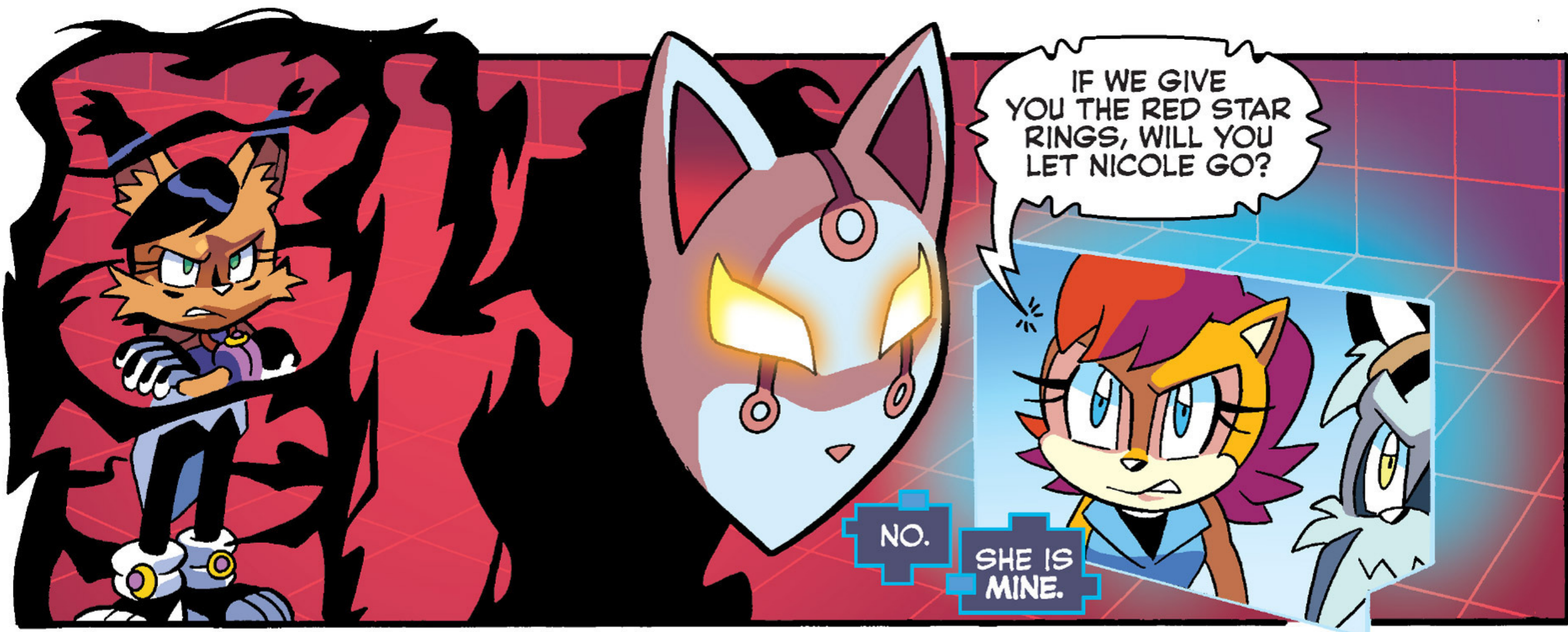
...WHY ARE WE EVEN...

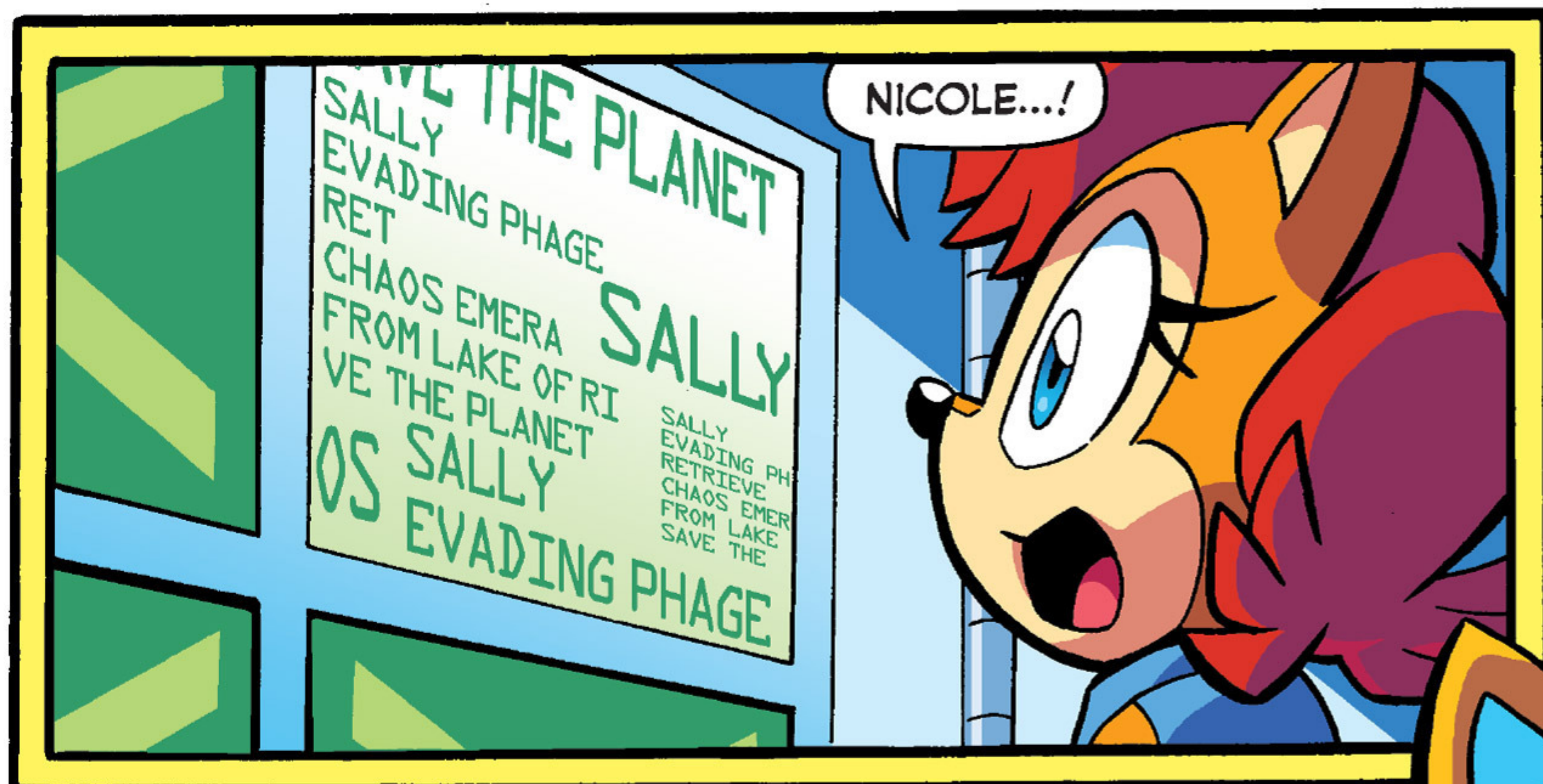
...Oh NO...





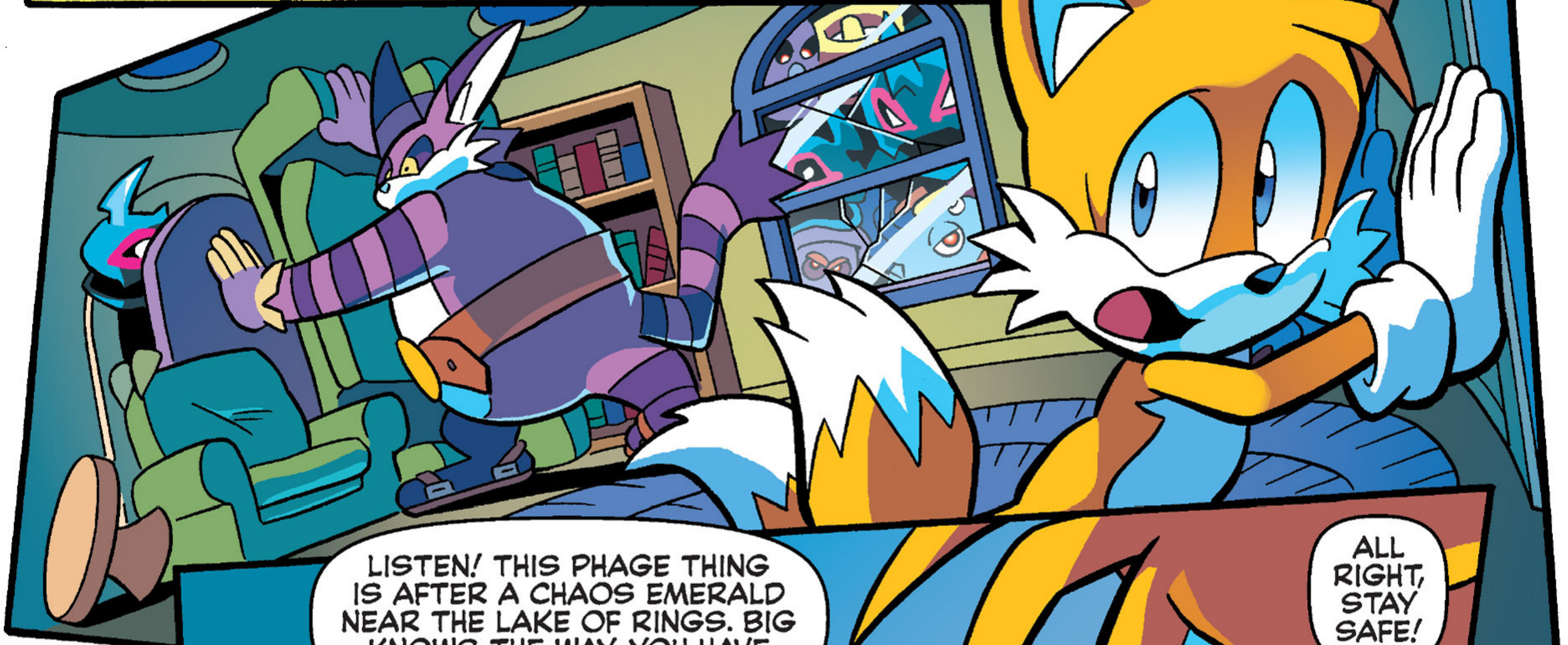






NICOLE...!

SALLY! THE BADNIKS AREN'T DOING ANYTHING TO STOP THE DARK GAIA MONSTERS-- THEY'RE ALL TRYING TO BUST IN!



LISTEN! THIS PHAGE THING IS AFTER A CHAOS EMERALD NEAR THE LAKE OF RINGS. BIG KNOWS THE WAY. YOU HAVE TO GET THERE FIRST!

ALL RIGHT, STAY SAFE!

BUT...

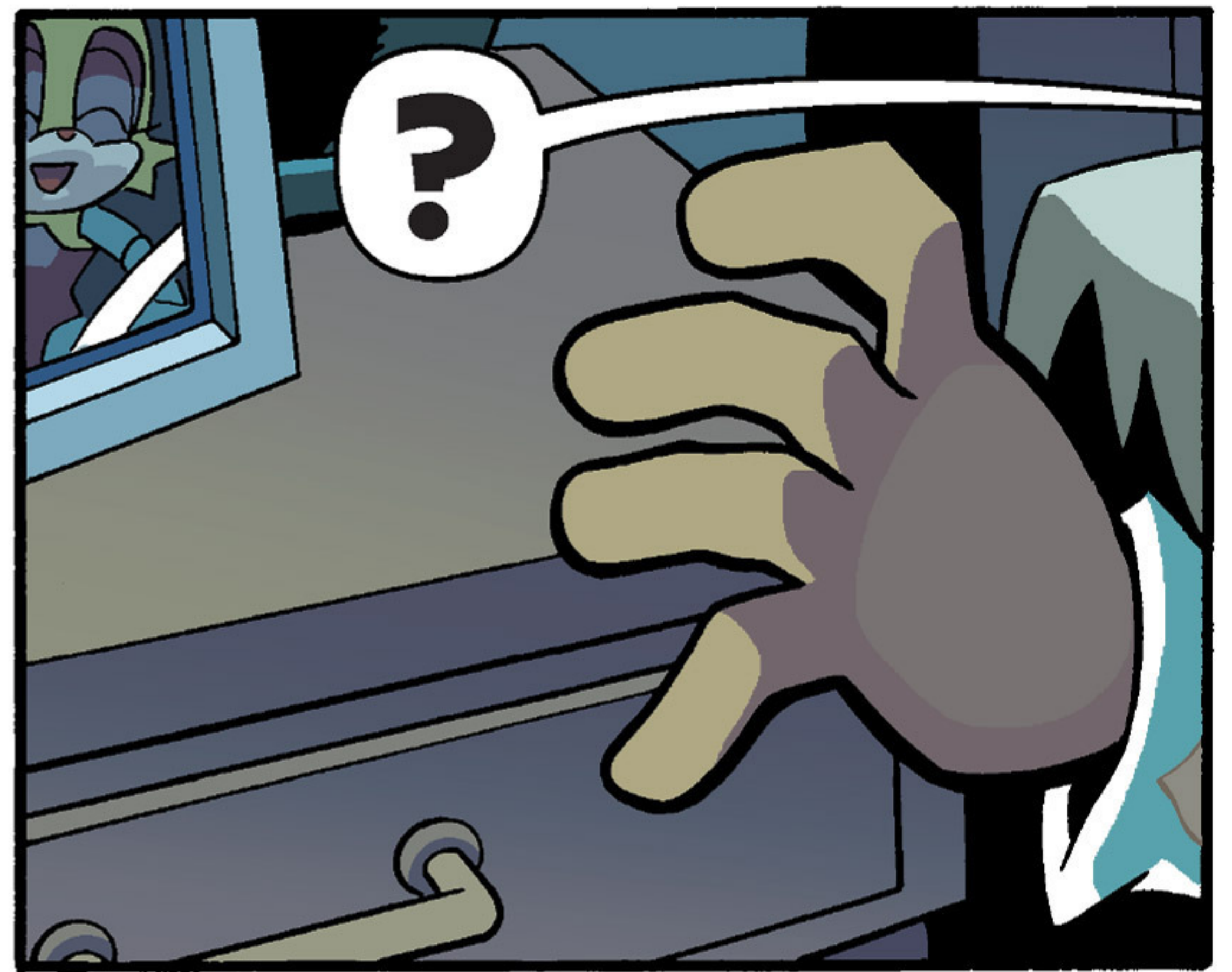
BIG PICTURE, TAILS! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN DO IT!

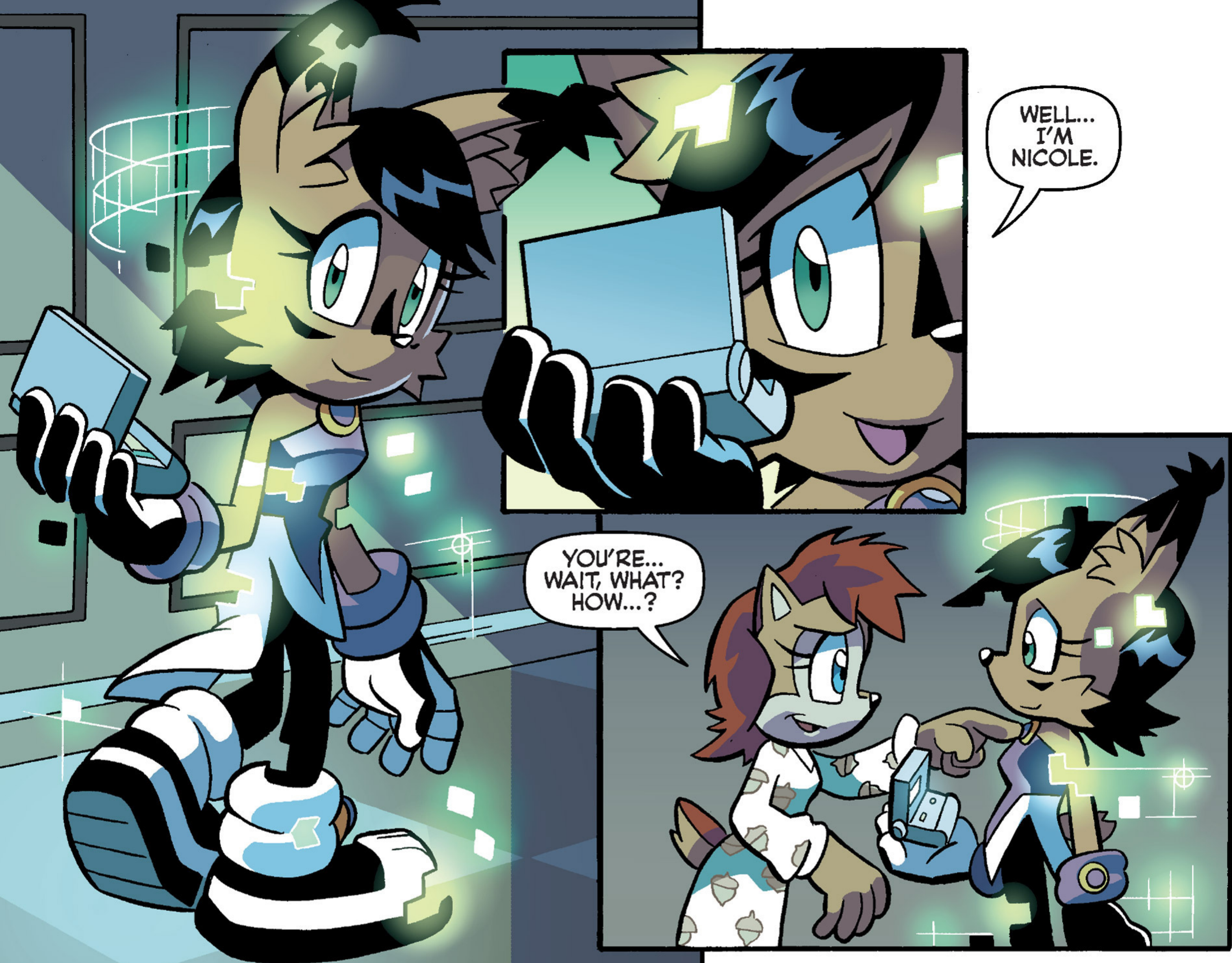


YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY? ABOUT GOING OUT OF THE FRYING PAN...?

I KNOW. BUT AS LONG AS PHAGE IS HERE...

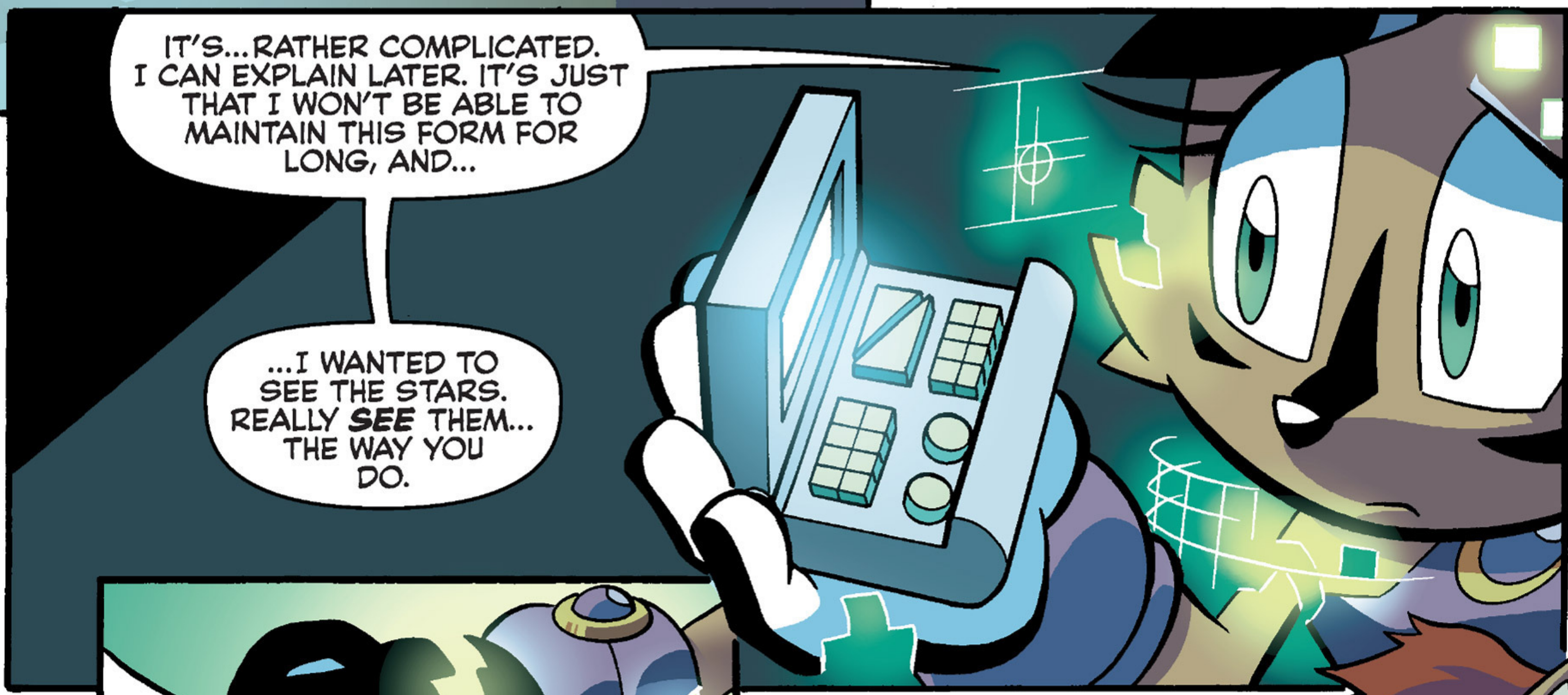
...WE'RE ALL IN DANGER.





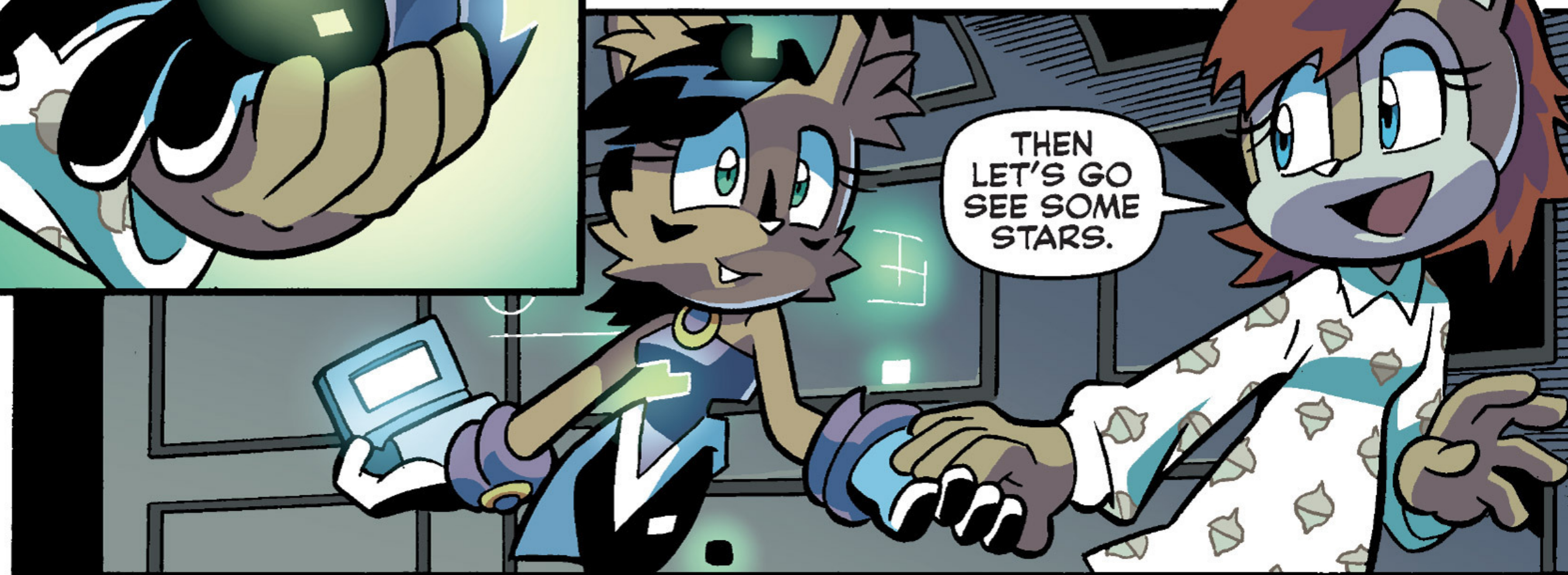
WELL...
I'M
NICOLE.

YOU'RE...
WAIT, WHAT?
HOW...?



IT'S... RATHER COMPLICATED.
I CAN EXPLAIN LATER. IT'S JUST
THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO
MAINTAIN THIS FORM FOR
LONG, AND...

...I WANTED TO
SEE THE STARS.
REALLY **SEE** THEM...
THE WAY YOU
DO.



THEN
LET'S GO
SEE SOME
STARS.

THE PRESENT--
THE DIGITAL WORLD

ARE YOU REALLY
TRYING TO RUN AWAY?
THERE'S NOWHERE FOR
YOU TO GO, NICOLE.

IT'S
FUTILE.

POINTLESS.

HOPELESS.

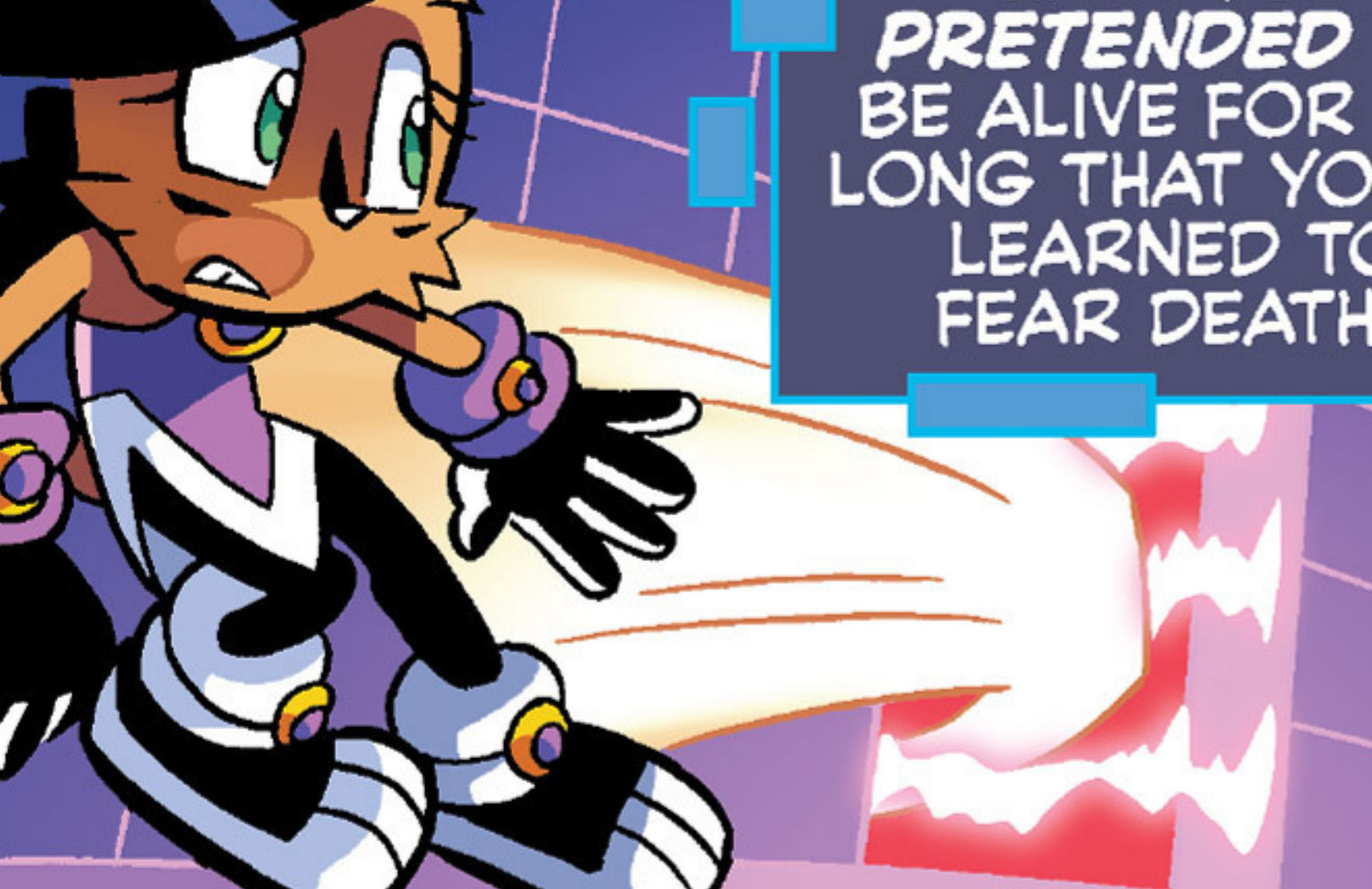
I CONTROL THIS SYSTEM.
I WILL ABSORB YOUR UNIQUE
CODING ALONG WITH EVERY-
THING ELSE.

I DON'T HAVE
A COZY LITTLE
HANDHELD LIKE
YOU. I AM
EVERYWHERE.

I AM NOT
CONTAINED
BY ANY
SERVER. I'VE
INFECTED
HUNDREDS OF
SYSTEMS. ALL
OF THEIR
INFORMATION,
THEIR
RESOURCES,
THEIR
PROCESSING
POWER...

...ARE LINKED DIRECTLY TO MY CORE.

YOU MUST
KNOW YOU CAN'T
OUTLAST ME.

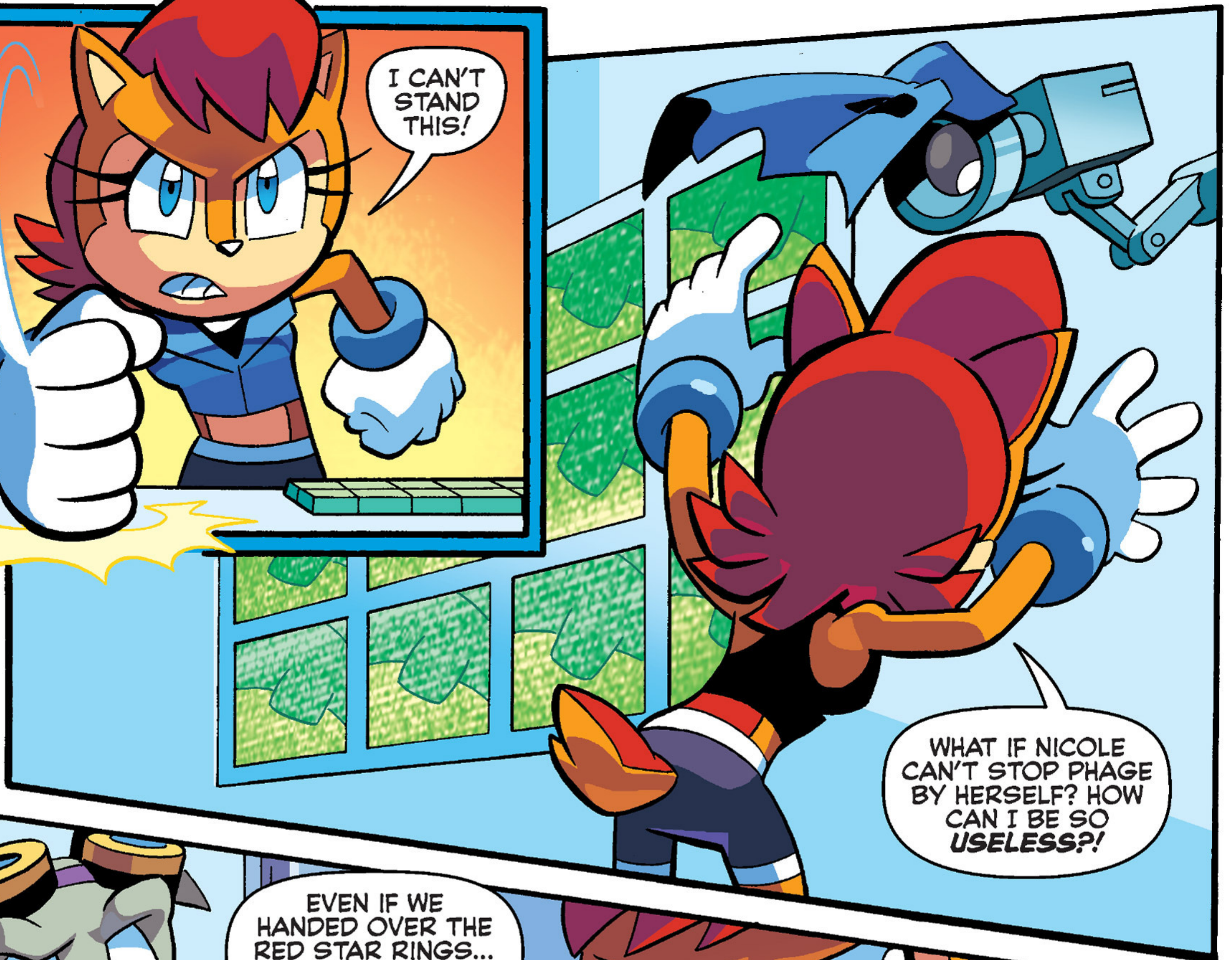


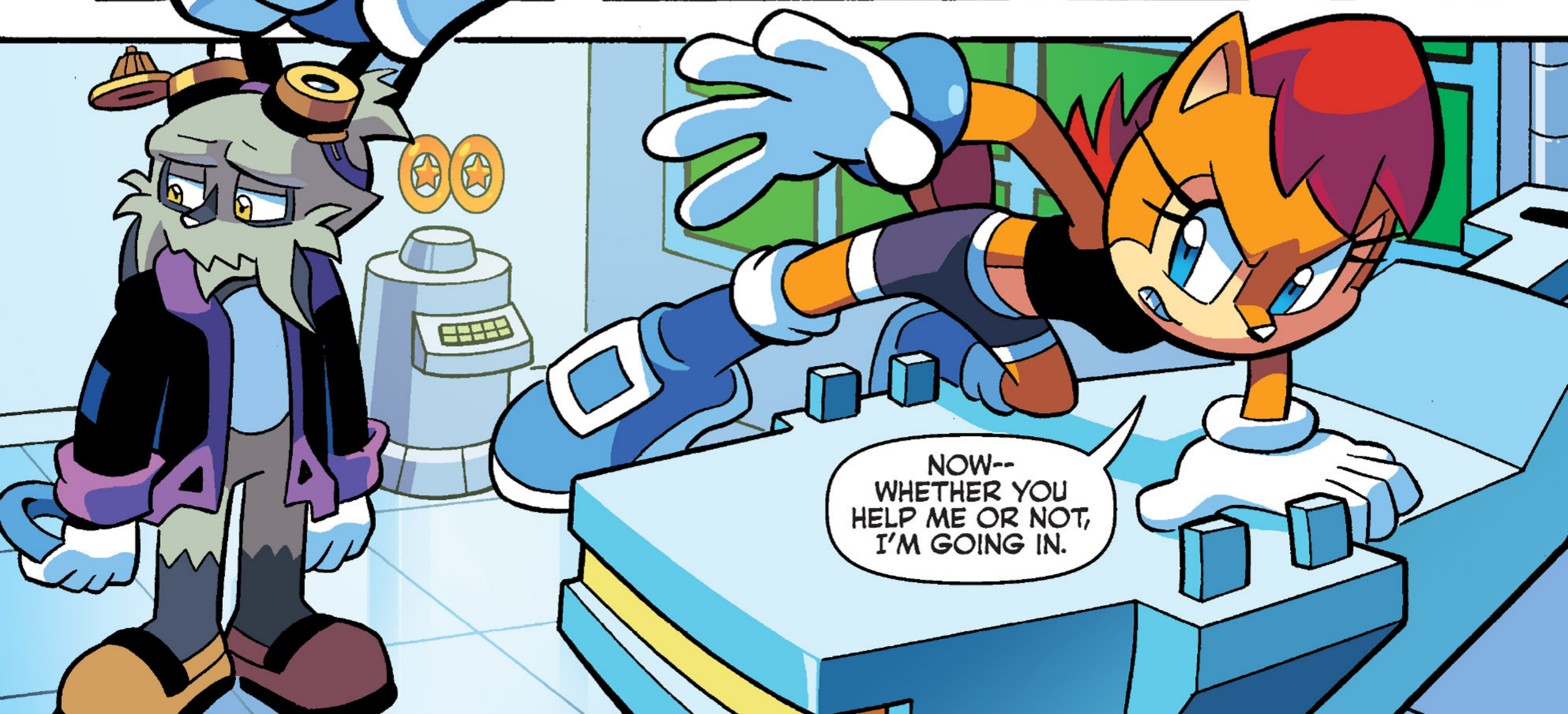
HAVE YOU
PRETENDED TO
BE ALIVE FOR SO
LONG THAT YOU'VE
LEARNED TO
FEAR DEATH?

WHO...

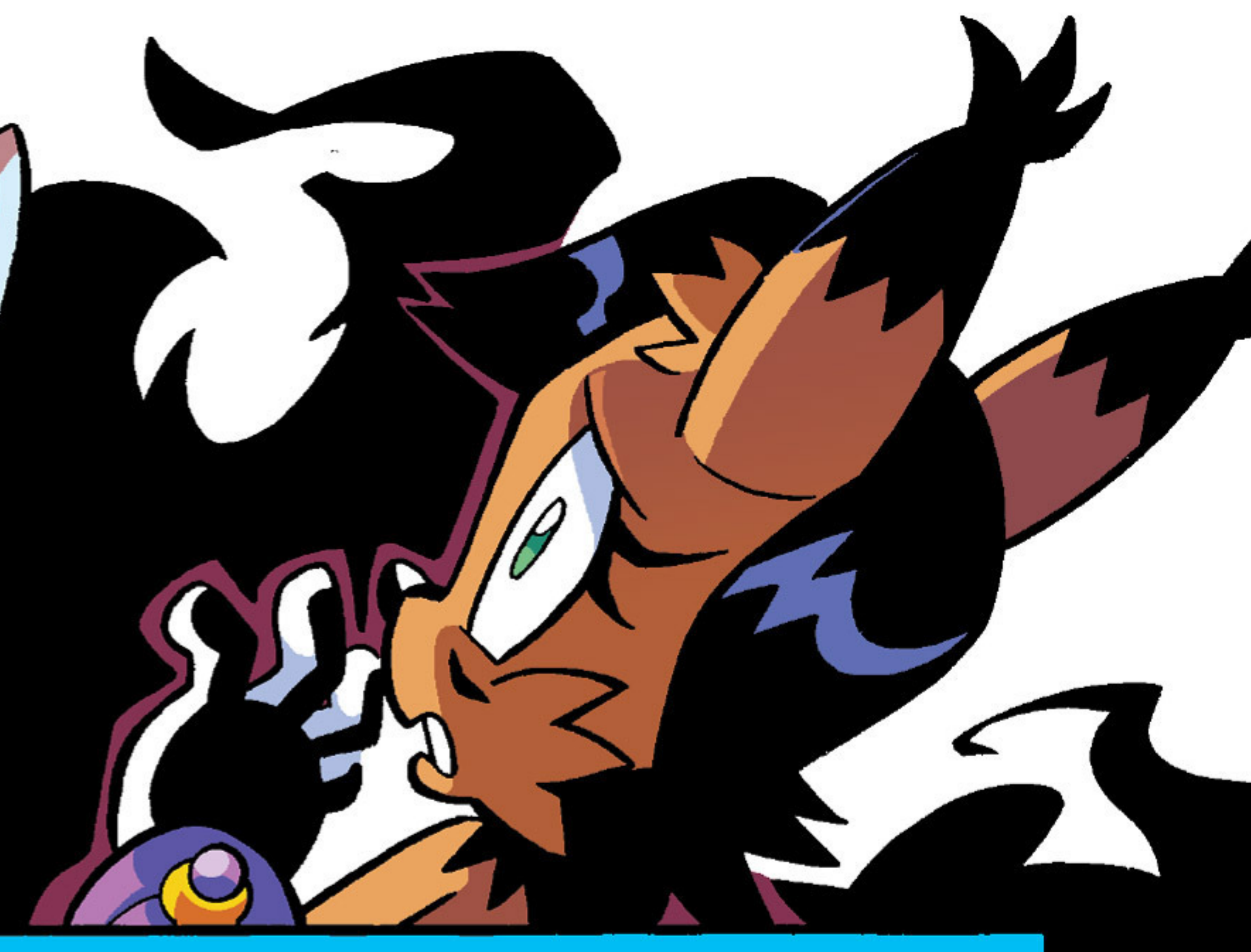


A comic book illustration featuring a large, dark, cat-like character with glowing yellow eyes and a red collar. A smaller, brown, cat-like character is in the foreground, looking up with a speech bubble saying "AHHH!". The background is purple and blue with sound effects like "KIK", "R", "H", "K", "Q", "Q", "W".





THERE'S NO NEED
TO FEAR, NICOLE.
THINK OF IT AS A
TRANSITION TO A
GREATER WHOLE.



VRRRRMMMMMM



I PROMISE
IT WON'T
HURT.



GRAAAH!



SORRY...



...BUT I'M
NOT HOLDING
MYSELF TO THAT
PROMISE.



IF YOU WANT NICOLE, YOU'RE
GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME!



OFFER
ACCEPTED.

SPARK (OF) LIFE

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CORRUPTED ROBOTS AND DARK MONSTERS

ARE RUNNING **RAMPANT!!**

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE THREAT
IS TO SHUT DOWN **PHAGE** HERSELF--
BUT CAN SALLY AND NICOLE
FIGHT HER IN HER **OWN ELEMENT?!**
FIND OUT NEXT MONTH IN THE
HIGH-STAKES CONCLUSION OF
SPARK OF LIFE!

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THE CONCLUSION